an agricultural university in Meghalaya. There is, however, a proposal to establish a Central Agricultural University to serve the States/Union territories of the North-eastern region. Units of this proposed university are likely to be established in various States/Union territories of the north-eastern region.

(b) The draft project proposal was sent to all the States/Union territories of the north-eastern region. The comments of the State Government of Meghalaya have not yet been received.

(c) The proposal is yet to be developed into a final project document for consideration of concerned bodies.

Establishment of Avian Research Centre at Hyderabad

799. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken by Government regarding the establishment of Avian Research Centre at Hydrabad; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) The proposal to consider a Regional Station of Central Avian Research Institute in the 7th Plan at Hyderabad along with other two was considered and correspondence for location of a suitable site was made with the State Government. However, it had not been possible to accommodate the unit at Hyderabad owing to the low plan allocation as the Andhra Pradesh Government had asked the Council to pay a sum of Rs. 41 lakhs towards the cost of old structures available with the Poultry Science Department of Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University. A Centre at Bhubaneswar has however been approved during the 7th Plan.

Court cases against Delhi Development Authority Officials

800. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases filed in the courts of law against the Delhi Development Authority officials for corruption, frauds, malpractices, irregularities and for acquiring assets disproportionate to their known sources of income during the last one year;

(b) the number of officials convicted in the courts and the details of punishments given;

(c) the number of cases which are still under investigation; and

(d) the measures being taken by Government to root out corruption from the Delhi Development Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (c) Two, both these are still pending.

(b) Nil.

(d) A statement is attached.

Statement

A number of steps have been taken to guard against fraud and corruption in DDA. The Heads of Departments have been advised to fix regular visiting hours to meet the public. The Vice-Chairman himself is freely available to the public. He also hears public grievances on Monday and Friday in the presence of Heads of Departments.

The procedures in the sensitive branches have been streamlined in order to cut out delays. Efforts have been made to ensure that the sensitive seats are not manned by officials of doubtful integrity and suspected antecedents. Surprise inspections are being made by the Vigilance Branch in the office and work sites of the Engineering and Horticulture Departments. A system of regular inspection of branches has been devised under which inspection of each sensitive public dealing branch is made by the Branch Officer in the first instance and subsequently by an officer of another branch. The existing procedures and practices are under critical review. Two committees have been constituted to ensure timely disposal and periodical monitoring of references/requests as received from the public. The Tata Consultancy Services have been engaged to simplify and streamline the procedure and tone up the administration.

Extension of crop insurance scheme in flood/cyclone affected areas

801. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 40 lakh hectares of cropped area on an average is damaged annually by floods and cyclones causing an average annual loss of about Rs. 316 crores;

(b) what is the area out of the above land so far covered by crop insurance scheme and in which districts state-wise; and

(c) whether Government propose to cover the above mentioned area in full under the crop insurance scheme, if so, what is the time bound programme in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme introduced by the Government of India with effect from Kharif 1985 was accepted and implemented in Kharif 1985 by 11 States and two Union Territories namely; Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Pondicherry and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. In Rabi 1985-86, the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme has been implemented by 14 States and four Union Territories namely; Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu, & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Delhi, Pondicherry and Goa, Daman and Diu. Only wheat, paddy, millets, oilseeds and pulses grown in the notified ('defined') areas in the States/Union Territories which implemented the scheme are covered in the Crop Insurance scheme. Further, the crops of only loanee-farmers are insured under the scheme. Moreover, the scheme covers not only risks due to floods and cyclones but all risks except war and nuclear risks. During Kharif 1985, 41.80 lakh hectares of area were covered under the Crop Insurance Scheme. During rabi 1985-86 till 31-3-1986, 12.88 lakh hectares have been covered under the scheme. The Statewise details are given in the enclosed statement. *(See below)*. The precise information, Statewise and Districtwise, relating to the areas affected by floods and cyclones but covered under the crops which were insured under the scheme had not been compiled and therefore, is not available.

(c) The Central Government has been advising/persuading all State Governments/Union Territories to implement the Crop Insurance Scheme. Apart from continuing its efforts, no